THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at this stage.

(b) Regional TV service originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum is at present available to an estimated 81% of the TV viewing population of the State spread over the whole or part of 11 out of 14 districts. Further expansion of regional TV service in the State would depend upon availability of requisite space segment capacity, adequate resources for the purpose and relative priorities.

STD Facility in Towns of Himachal Pradesh

3843. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the towns in Himachal Pradesh where STD facility has been provided;

(b) the names of the towns without STD facility ; and

(c) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided in the remaining towns?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Bilaspur, Dharmshala, Hamirpur, Mandi, Nahan, Parwanoo, Shimla , Dhalli, Jutog, Solan, Una, Kullu, Chamba, Sujanpur.

(b) Dalhousie, Kangra, Nagrota Bagwan, Nurpur, Palampur, Mehatpur, Paonta, Sahib, Nadaun, Bhuntar, Dagshai, Kasauli, Subathu, Ghumarwin, Rampur, Bushahr, Theog, Sundernagar, Rohru, Jogindernagar, Bakloh, Chauri Khas, Daulatpur, Gagret, Sarahan, Dehragopipur, Jawalamukhi, Yol, Pandoh, Arki, Manali, Nalagarh, Nainadevi, Santokhgarh.

(c) Progressively during the 8th Plan period subject to the availability of resources.

Nepaleses living in India

3844. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nepaleses living in India at present;

(b) whether due to the acute economic crisis in their country, a large number of Nepaleses have entered Delhi via Assam during 1987 to 1989;

(c) whether they have also been occupying land and constructing houses unauthorisedly in North Bengal along with Bhutan boundary and also in Upper Bihar in a planned and organised manner; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Under the existing rules, Nepali nationals do not require Indian visa or their national passports to come to India. They are also exempted from the requirement of registration formalities. As such, it is not possible to give any data regarding the number of Nepali nationals living in India.

(c) and (d). Under the provisions of the Indo-Nepal peace and Friendship Treaty